public land and unauthorised construction are continuing problems in Delhi. As and when any encroachment is noticed|reported, action is taken under the provisions of the relevant laws by the local agencies with the help of police, wherever necessary. The position of encroachment on public land in Delhi as reported by Delhi Development Authority, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Council, Land and Development Office and Delhi Contonment Board are as under:—

DDA—Nazul—I land	4372 acres
Nazul—II land	1329 acres
L & DO . .	95.516 acres
Delhi Contonment Board	4.31 acres
MCD . .	33.23 acres
NDMC . .	3246 s. mts.

To prevent encroachment, the local agencies have deployed adequate field staff. Regular watch and ward is being kept over the land by the respective land owning agencies. So far Delhi Contonment Board and Land and Development Office have reclaimed 937.55 sq. mts and 1,554 acres of land respectively. 11 J. J. Clusters were removed from the New Delhi Municipal Council area during 1993-94. The Delhi Development Authority have reclaimed 859 acres and 352 acres of land during 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively.

Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that in case of fresh encroachment, prompt action is taken to remove them immediately. Old cases which are pending in the courts, are being pursued for their early vacation. In respect of religious structures action is taken as per guidelines on the subject.

Purchase of substandard manure and plants

4202. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities have been taking place in the purchase of manure and plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of cases that have come to light in respect of the bogus purchase of items in the Horticulture Department of CPWD and DDA, separately;

(d) whether the officers of the rank of Directors and above ever inspect the quality of the manure and plants purchased from the contractors;

(e) if so, how many times were such inspections made in the last three years and what have been the outcome thereof; and

(f) the steps taken to ensure that sub-standard manure and plants are not purchased by the CPWD and DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The DDA have reported that inspections had been carried out as indicated below and no defect in the quality of manure and plants was detected:

Yer	No. of inspections
1992-93	175
1993-94	154
1994-95	159

The CPWD have reported that inspections have been carried out, as and when necessary, to ensure quality. But no separate records of inspections have been maintained.

(f) checks are carried out by officers as per the provisions of the CPWD Manual.

Construction of Houses

4203. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many houses are targetted to be constructed during the 8th Five Year Plan, type-wise including Delhi;

(b) the number out of them which have so far been completed; and whether the target will be achieved at this rate;

(c) the steps taken to accelerate the pace of construction of the houses and

(d) the number of houses that were targetted to be constructed during the 7th Plan; typewise; and the number by which it felt short giving the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Eighth Five Year Plan document stipulates that about 65 lakh new dwelling units will be added during the 8th Plan period in the formal sector by State level agencies. The Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment is responsible for monitoring item No. 14(d)-EWS housing and 14(e)-LIG housing under 20 Point programme.

The target and achievements in respect of EWS and LIG Housing during the first three years of the 8th Plan i.e. 1992-93 to 1994-95 are as follows:—

(Units in lakhs)

Year	Target		Achihvement		%age	
	EWS	LIG	EWS	LIG	EWS	LIG
1992-93	1.15	0.53	1.14	0.54	99%	102%
1993-94	0.83	0.45	1.23	0.59	147%	132%
1994-95	0.91	0.40	0.63	0.19	69%	47%

(c) The National Housing Policy aims to reduce houselessness in the country, through increased outlay in the 8th Plan and supplementing State Governments efforts with Central Sector Schemes.

(d) The target for construction of EWS/LIG housing during the 7th Plan was 7.75 lakhs and 1.39 lakhs respectively. Achievements against the target were to the extend of 6.90 and 1.66 lakhs respectively.

There was no shortfall in LIG Housing. However, lack of adequate plan provision for the schemes by the State Governments and constraints of resources such as land, institutional finance etc. accounted for slow progress of EWS housing schemes during the 7th Plan.